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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM CAGLAYANGIL RE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

FOR THE SECRETARY

1. AFTERNOON DECEMBER 31 TURKISH EMBASSY DELIVERED COPY OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL TO THE SECRETARY (REPEATED VERBATIM BELOW). WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH USUN JANUARY 2 TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT STATUS OF WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS TO RECONVENE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND WILL PREPARE A REPLY FROM YOU TO CAGLAYANGIL AT THAT TIME.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ANKARA, DECEMBER 31, 1975. DEAR MR. SECRETARY, AS YOU WILL RECALL, DURING OUR RECENT TALK IN BRUSSELS WE DWELLED ON THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS AND HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS TO HOW THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS COULD BEST BE RESUMED IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE
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LATEST UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS.

IN OUR TALK I POINTED OUT TO YOU THAT, CONTRARY TO THE CONTENTION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION, WE FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION. I WAS GLAD TO OBSERVE THAT YOU TOO SHARED OUR VIEW ON THIS POINT. I FURTHERMORE OBSERVED DURING MY TALKS WITH YOU AND WITH

OTHER COLLEAGUES THAT RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN A MEANINGFUL MANNER WAS A COMMONLY SHARED WISH AND CONVICTION FOR RESOLVING THE PROBLEM. AS A RESULT OF THESE USEFUL TALKS IN BRUSSELS A COMPROMISE FORMULA COULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE VIEWS OF GREECE AND TURKEY. UNDER THIS FORMULA, MY GREEK COLLEAGUE AND I AGREED TO REQUEST THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL TO CALL UPON THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES TO RESUME THEIR TALKS WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS AND UNDER AN OPEN AGENDA WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THEREAFTER, WE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED IN BRUSSELS THIS UNDERSTANDING TO WHICH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD OBTAINED THE CONSENT OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS.

ON DECEMBER 19, THE TURKISH AND GREEK DELEGATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND REQUESTED HIM TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AFORE-MENTIONED BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDING. BUT, IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS WE WERE FACED WITH AN UNEXPECTED MOVE BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE HAD EARLIER INFORMED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT OF HIS CONCURRENCE WITH THE BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDING, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS REQUESTED DR. WALDHEIM TO MAKE AN APPEAL TO THE CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LATEST GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS.

THIS INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE ARCHBISHOP IS IN COMPLETE CONTRAVENTION WITH THE BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDING. MOREOVER, THE ARCHBISHOP'S MOVE NOT ONLY DAMAGED THE EFFORTS BEING DEPLOYED IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE EXISTING OBSTACLES ON THE WAY TO THE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, IT HAS ALSO CONFIRMED OUR LONG-STANDING CONVICTION THAT HE DOES NOT

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WANT THE RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION AND WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DESTROY ANY POSITIVE STEP WHENEVER IT IS TAKEN, OR ANY HOPE WHENEVER IT PRESENTS ITSELF IN THE DIRECTION OF SETTLEMENT.

THIS LATEST MOVE OF THE ARCHBISHOP HAS ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING OTHER THAN CONSOLIDATING THE MISTRUST OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TOWARDS THE GREEK CYPRIOT

LEADERSHIP. IT HAS ENHANCED THE MISGIVINGS OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY TOWARDS THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP. IT HAS ENHANCED THE MISGIVINGS OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY WHICH WAS ALREADY HESITANT IN ATTEMPTING A NEW EXPERIMENT WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION.

IN SPITE OF THIS ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT, I WILL NOT FAIL TO ATTEMPT TO USE MY INFLUENCE WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT

COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO HAVE THE TALKS RESUMED UNDER THE BRUSSELS UNDERSTANDING. HOWEVER, I AM AFRAID OUR EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION MAY NOT SUFFICE TO CONVINCE THE TURKISH COMMUNITY. I SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS HERE THE STRONG CONVICTION WHICH I HOLD THAT THE LATEST NEGATIVE MOVE WE TOGETHER OBSERVE OF THE ARCHBISHOP WILL NOT BE HIS LAST. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WHO WANT AN EARLY SETTLEMENT TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION HAS A RESPONSIBILITY IN BRINGING UNDER CONTROL THE ARCHBISHOP FOR THE SAKE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

I HAVE CONVEYED THESE VIEWS TO MY GREEK COLLEAGUE AND REQUESTED HIM TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. I TRUST, YOU TOO WILL NOT SPARE ANY EFFORTS TOWARDS THIS END. WITH WARM REGARDS. IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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